

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	8096	<b>Agenda Number</b>	39.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 18, 2011
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<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with WACHS WATER SERVICES, Buffalo Grove, IL, to provide leak detection services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$191,450, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$191,450 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$574,350.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$15,954 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining eleven months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Lowest bid of four bids received.
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer /974 2035
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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**Additional Backup Information**

This contract is to provide leak detection survey of approximately 700 linear miles to the Austin Water Utility's water distribution system. Austin Water Utility is increasing efforts to identify leaks that are not currently surfacing or being reported to reduce the amount of actual losses. The leak detection efforts will help target the remaining area of the distribution system not covered in previous contracts and reported high breaks areas. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to identify where leaks exist and notify Austin Water Utility dispatch immediately so that repairs can be made.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. SSC0157  
LEAK DETECTION SURVEY  
(700 linear miles)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL ANNUAL BID</u></b>
Wachs Water Services Buffalo Grove, Illinois	\$ 273.50/mile	\$191,450
Utility Services Associates, LLC Seattle, Washington	\$ 275.38/mile	\$192,766
Echologics, LLC Atlanta, Georgia	\$ 369.00/mile	\$258,300
M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. Valparaiso, Indiana	\$1,050.00/mile	\$735,000

A copy of the bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Seventy-nine notices were sent, including two MBEs and three WBEs. Four bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents an approximate 21% decrease from the last contract award August 2008.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received. Wachs Water Services is not the current provider.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.